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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the  
4 Springfield-based Illinois Predators seventh-grade girls'  
5 basketball team on earning the Gold Medal at the State Games of  
6 America; and

7           WHEREAS, The Predators earned the Gold Medal after sweeping  
8 the competition at the 2007 State Games of America in Colorado  
9 Springs, Colorado; and

10           WHEREAS, The Predators team, which is affiliated with The  
11 Gym of Springfield, were undefeated during the three-day  
12 tournament, beating teams from Colorado, Oklahoma, and  
13 Montana, before defeating the Minnesota Starz 52-42 in a  
14 come-from-behind effort for the Gold Medal; and

15           WHEREAS, Predator players are Lauren Lanzotti, Kelsey  
16 Easton, Mackenzie McDermott, Alison Kuhn, Corinne Brent,  
17 Danielle Hoekzema, Jamie Blue, and Andrea Lietz; the head coach  
18 is Dale Kuhn, and assistant coaches are Jeff Blue and Caroline  
19 Harless; and

20           WHEREAS, More than 500,000 athletes competed nationwide to  
21 qualify for the 2007 State Games of America, which are held

1 every other year; the Predator team qualified to represent the  
2 State of Illinois by winning the Gold Medal at the 2006 Prairie  
3 State Games; and

4 WHEREAS, Medal winners from State Games nationwide  
5 advanced to compete against other winners in 29 different  
6 sports at this year's games; this year's event included more  
7 than 10,500 athletes from 47 states; opening ceremonies were  
8 held in the Colorado Springs World Arena and featured Olympic  
9 Medalist and World Champion figure skater, Michelle Kwan, who  
10 delivered the event's keynote speech and lit the torch at the  
11 Games' opening ceremonies; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate the Springfield-based Illinois Predators  
15 seventh-grade girls' basketball team on their gold medal  
16 victory at the State Games of America; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Predators basketball team and their coaches as  
19 a symbol of our esteem and respect.